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SUBJ PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE RATIFIES CONTRACT
AND LONGSHOREMEN RETURN TO WORK

REFS A) OTTAWA 1051; B) OTTAWA 1118

- 1. EMBASSY WAS INFORMED BY PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE OFFICIAL THAT GENERAL LABOR AND TRADES GROUP RATIFIED 26-MONTH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BY SLIM MAJORITY OF 54 PERCENT. GRAIN SAMPLERS AND WEIGHERS, MANY OF WHOM HAD ORIGINALLY OPPOSED RATIFICATION, APPROVED BY 60 PERCENT MAJORITY AFTER LEARNING THAT THEIR WAGE INCREASES TOTAL ABOUT 38 PERCENT COMPARED TO AVERAGE INCREASE OF 29.25 PERCENT FOR GLT GROUP AS A WHOLE.
- 2. LABOR DEPT. ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER KELLY CONFIRMED MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT THAT LONGSHOREMEN RESUMED WORK THIS MORNING (MARCH 27) UNDER BACK-TO-WORK LEGISLATION PASSED MARCH 24. KELLY TOLD LABATT INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMENT AND WAREHOUSEMEN UNION (ILWU) OFFICERS SUPPORTED MEDIATION SETTLEMENT OF C\$1.95 HOURLY WAGE INCREASE WHICH MEMBERSHIP HAD REJECTED EARLIER. THIS SUPPORT SHOULD SIMPLIFY ARBITRATOR'S JOB. LONGSHORE FOREMEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARBITRATION WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT AS IT ENTAILS

## NEGOTIATION OF FIRST CONTRACT.

3. KELLY DOUBTED THAT ARBITRATION WOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE TIME ILWU WILL HOLD ITS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN VANCOUVER FROM APRIL 7-11. ILWU SOURCES TOLD KELLY THAT THE US SECRETARY OF LABOR AND LABOR MINISTER MUNRO HAD BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT THEIR CONVENTION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER SUCH INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED AND, IF SO, WHETHER SECRETARY DUNLOP PLANS TO ACCEPT IT. PORTER

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